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<b>Notice of Abandonment</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/973,013	LADANT ET AL.	
	Examiner ROBERT A. ZEMAN	Art Unit 1645	
<i>-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--</i>			
This application is abandoned in view of:			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on <u>14 January 2008</u> .			
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.			
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).			
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> A reply was received on _____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).			
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> No reply has been received.			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).			
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).			
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.			
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.			
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).			
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.			
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> No corrected drawings have been received.			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.			
6. <input type="checkbox"/> The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.			
7. <input type="checkbox"/> The reason(s) below:			
<p style="text-align: right;">/Robert A. Zeman/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1645</p>			
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